

[HANOI RADIO VERSION]

RAMSEY CLARK COMMENTS ON U.S. BOMBING OF HAIPHONG

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[TEXT] ON AUGUST 5 AMERICAN LAWYER RAMSEY CLARK AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VISITING TEAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR INQUIRIES INTO U.S. CRIMES IN INDOCHINA WERE IN HAIPHONG CITY TO GATHER FACTS ABOUT U.S. CRIMES. ASKED TO COMMENT ON WHAT HE HAD SEEN, THE FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID: [FOLLOWS: RECORDED MALE VOICE WITH AMERICAN ACCENT] ~~FBIS~~

[OBVIOUSLY THERE IS MASSIVE DESTRUCTION IN THIS PART OF HAIPHONG. UHH, JUST STANDING HERE ON TOP OF THIS DEBRIS YOU CAN SEE, UMM, THAT MANY, MANY BUILDINGS WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED. WE CAN BE FORTUNATE, I GUESS, THAT MORE PEOPLE WEREN'T KILLED. IT IS--IT IS QUITE AMAZING THAT, UHH, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DIMENSION OF THE DESTRUCTION HERE--ALL THIS AREA--THAT, UHH, MANY, MANY PEOPLE, UHH, WEREN'T KILLED AND SO TRAGIC AS IT IS IN ANY WORLD--IT COULD HAVE

BEEN HUNDREDS, UMM--OR EVEN THOUSANDS (OF HUNDREDS THAT) COULD HAVE

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BEEN HUNDREDS, UMM--OR EVEN THOUSANDS (700 HUNDREDS THAT) COULD HAVE  
BEEN KILLED IN, UHH--IN SUCH UMM TERRIBLE BOMBING AND DESTRUCTION IN  
THE LIVING AREA OF THE CITY OF HAIPHONG AS WE SEE HERE.

WELL, WE KNOW THIS--WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR ON PURPOSE, UHH,  
YOU CAN STOP THE ACCIDENTS AS WELL AS THE PURPOSE, AND, UHH, THERE  
IS ABSOLUTELY, UHH, NO EXCUSE FOR BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM. THERE  
NEVER HAS BEEN AND UHH, IT SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED, IT SHOULD  
STOP IMMEDIATELY, IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

I CAN'T JUDGE IN ANY PARTICULAR CASE, UHH, UNTIL I HAVE ALL THE  
FACTS AND I WILL NOT JUDGE UNTIL I HAVE ALL THE FACTS WHETHER A  
PARTICULAR SITUATION WAS A MISTAKE. UHH, WE INTEND TO GET AS MANY  
OF THE FACTS AS POSSIBLE AND, AND WE'LL THEN MAKE OUR JUDGEMENT.

(ANNOUNCER)) ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF PHOUC LOC HAMLET ON THE  
OUTSKIRTS OF HAIPHONG BY U.S. WARPLANES ON APRIL THE 16TH LAST.

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RAMSEY CLARK HAD THIS TO SAY:

((AMERICAN ACCENTED MALE VOICE)) WELL OF COURSE THERE CAN NEVER  
BE ANY JUSTIFICATION FOR WHAT HAPPENED HERE AT PHOU LOC. IT IS  
SO PITIFUL THAT, UHH, THE VIOLENCE OF TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE USED TO  
DESTROY THE LIVES OF SUCH A GENTLE AND SIMPLE AND BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE.  
WE MUST LEARN THE LESSONS OF THESE TRAGEDIES AND, UMM, KNOW THAT  
WE CREATE DETERMINATION IN THE HEARTS OF ALL PEOPLE THAT THERE SHALL  
BE PEACE AND RULES OF LAW THAT CAN BE FIRMLY ENFORCED TO PREVENT THESE  
TRAGEDIES FROM EVER HAPPENING AGAIN,

I'VE KNOWN TONY LEWIS FOR MANY YEARS AND HE'S AN EXTREMELY  
SENSITIVE PERSON, HE WAS HERE AT THE VILLAGE OF PHOU LOC SHORTLY  
AFTER THE BOMBING OCCURRED, AND I AGREE FULLY ((COUGH)) WHAT HE SAID.  
WELL, I FEEL VERY BADLY, THE--THE TRAGEDY IS THE SAME, UMM,  
WHOEVER, UMM, IS THE OFFENDER, AND, UMM, THE THING WE HAVE TO  
KNOW IS THAT, UHH, THERE IS STILL THIS ENORMOUS CAPACITY IN MAN TO  
KILL, AMERICA HAS SHOWN ITS CAPACITY TO KILL MANY TIMES IN MANY  
WAYS, AND IF WE DO NOT SET ASIDE OUR VIOLENCE, WE'LL DESTROY OURSELVES.

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